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Accion	Lends to small businesses, startups, food and beverage businesses, green businesses, and businesses owned by women, minorities, veterans, and people with disabilities. Term loans range from \$300 to \$1 million. Credit requirements depend on location and other factors. The borrower should have collateral in the form of real estate, business assets, and/or personal assets. The company must have a business plan that includes a budget and cash flow	Term loans of \$300 to \$1 million	No	https://us.accion.org/
AARP Community Challenge	Offers "quick-action" grants to make communities livable for people of all ages. Examples include small grants to improve housing, transportation, public space and other community elements. "If your idea is big, no project is too small!"	Grants can range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term, activities to several thousand for larger projects.	No	www.aarp.org/CommunityChallenge
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) is an independent federal agency that promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our nation's historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. Also oversees the Preserve America program and provides training and information resources.	Information and training	N/A	https://www.achp.gov/
American Institute of Architects- Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT)	The SDAT program is a community assistance program that focuses on the principles of sustainability. The program brings teams of volunteer professionals (such as architects, urban designers, landscape architects, planners, hydrologists, economists, attorneys, and others) to work with community decision-makers and stakeholders to help them develop a vision and framework for a sustainable future. Annual call for proposals. See website for details.	Up to \$15,000 worth of technical assistance services	Yes - \$5,000 cash match	http://www.aia.org/about/initiatives/AIAS075425
	The American Planning Association's professional institute (AICP) organizes Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPATs) to work with community members, key stakeholders, and relevant decision makers on place-based initiatives to foster community education, engagement, and empowerment. Communities facing a range of challenges, such as social equity and affordability, economic development, sustainability, consensus building, and urban design, may be eligible for the program. Projects focus primarily on localities with a demonstrated need for assistance, where planning resources and expertise may not otherwise be available. Community proposals or inquiries about potential projects are accepted anytime.	Technical assistance	Must cover per diem travel expenses of team.	https://www.planning.org/communityassistance/teams/
Visual Arts	The purpose of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts is to foster innovative artistic expression and the creative process by supporting cultural organizations that, in turn, support artists and their work. The Foundation is focused primarily on encouraging work of a challenging and experimental nature, while noting that the interpretation of those terms may vary from place to place and culture to culture. Grants are provided to curatorial programs at museums, artists' organizations, and other cultural institutions to originate innovative and scholarly presentations of contemporary visual arts. Projects may include exhibitions, catalogues, and other relevant activities. Calls for proposals twice a year with March 1 and	Award ceiling not specified.	Not specified	http://www.warholfoundation.org/grant/overview.html
Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	ARC focuses its resources on distressed counties and distressed areas within the 13-state Appalachian Region of the U.S. In NC, 29 western counties are in the ARC region. ARC funds are awarded to projects that address investment goals identified by ARC in its strategic plan in the areas of economic opportunity, ready workforce, critical infrastructure, natural and cultural assets, and leadership and community capacity, and demonstrating measurable results. ARC offers standard programming grants and sometimes has funds available for specific special	Amounts vary by grant; most grants are originated at the state level.	Amount depends on distress level.	http://www.arc.gov (Federal) and https://www.nccommerce.com/about-us/divisions-programs/rural economic-development/appalachian-regional-commission (NC)
Applebee's - Dining to Donate	Nonprofit organizations can hold Dining to Donate fundraising events at select Applebee's restaurants in North Carolina on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Applebee's will donate to the nonprofit organization 10% of the food and beverage purchases (not including tax and gratuity) generated by supporters of the organization during the event. The nonprofit organization distributes flyers about the fundraiser prior to the event. Supporters present the flyers to servers when ordering. The flyers are attached to guest checks, prompting the	10% of participants' total food and beverage bills (excluding tax and gratuity).	N/A	http://www.aggrestaurants.com/neighborhood-involvement/dining to-donate.asp

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ArtPlace	A collaboration of top national foundations, the National Endowment for the Arts, financial institutions and various federal agencies to accelerate creative placemaking across the U.S. Note: Program scheduled to end in 2020.	N/A	N/A	http://www.artplaceamerica.org/loi/	
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	Helps build thriving communities by addressing issues fundamental to economic health and sustainability. Grant investments intended to advance economic mobility by addressing issues related to workforce development/education, community development, and basic needs. Also partners with and provides capital and leadership development for nonprofits addressing economic mobility and social progress issues in communities, such as through its Neighborhood Builders® program. Grants are available to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations. Two grant RFPs will be issued in 2019 in the area of economic mobility. One will focus on the needs of individuals and families by investing in workforce development/education and basic needs. The other will focus on community needs by addressing economic development and social progress by investing affordable housing, revitalization, arts, and the environment. Applications accepted in June See website for more details	Amounts vary.	Unknown	http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation	
BB&T	Supports various community-based initiatives. Charitable giving, leadership development, financial education, community development and revitalization, etc.	Varies	Unknown	Contact BB&T branch in your community.	
Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC Foundation Grants	Per its website, the Foundation shifted its strategic direction in 2018, from standalone focus areas to a more integrated, holistic approach to health, particularly non-medical drivers. It invests in clearly-defined and results-oriented projects that further its vision of achieving health equity in NC, its mission of improving the health and well-being of North Carolinians, and its strategy which integrates transforming the health care system, expanding access to healthy food, supporting a healthy start for children, improving the places where people live, and strengthening the ability of communities to improve their own health. Open to 501(c)(3) qualified organizations and government entities. Grant funding opportunities announced periodically. Unsolicited applications are not accepted, but entities can sign up for notifications	Not specified. Dollar amounts range from small project grants to larger, multi-year partnerships.	Not specified, but FAQ says Foundation prefers to be one of several different sources of revenue.	http://www.bcbsncfoundation.org	
Blue Ridge Energy Members Foundation Grants	Service organizations that provide benefits to the people in Blue Ridge Energy's service area and that are providing needed services in the areas of health, wellness, and treatment; education and youth; economic and community development; and environmental enhancement/quality of life. Application cycle opens March 1 with a July 31 deadline. Grants	Up to \$25,000 per grant.	Not stated; however, applicants that demonstrate the ability to leverage other sources of funding are	https://www.blueridgeenergy.com/community/bre-members- foundation	
CCB Technology	Technology solutions provider that is committed to providing incredible savings on hardware and software products for nonprofit, academic, healthcare, church, or ministry organizations.	N/A	N/A	http://ccbtechnology.com/nonprofit-program/	
Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ (CIRD)	The Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ (CIRD) provides communities access to the resources they need to convert their own good ideas into reality. CIRD works with communities with populations of 50,000 or less, and offers annual competitive funding to as many as six small	assistance and design expertise valued at \$35,000. Communities also receive capacity building conference calls and webinars on rural design and planning topics, as well as webbased access to a wide range of rural design resources.	Yes, 1 to 1 suggested; match can be in-kind.	https://www.rural-design.org/	
Coca-Cola Mural Restoration Program	Coca-Cola Consolidated (based in Charlotte) has provided funds to helps communities restore old Coca-Cola murals ("ghost signs") on buildings.	Covers all/nearly all costs of ghost sign restoration	Community may incur some costs	Taylor Mahaffey, Coca-Cola Consolidated Public Affairs, Taylor.Mahaffey@ccbcc.com	
Coca-Cola / Keep America Beautiful Public Spaces Recycling Bin Grant program	Coca-Cola and Keep America Beautiful (KAB) offer a recycling bin grant program aimed at supporting community recycling by providing bins to expand recycling opportunities in public spaces. Open to KAB affiliates, governments, civic organizations, schools, and non-profit groups. Grant recipients receive donated recycling bins and information on beginning community recycling programs. The program is very competitive. Applications are accepted	Recipients receive recycling bins rather than funding.	Not required. Grant recipients are responsible for installation and ongoing maintenance costs of the bins.	http://bingrant.org/	

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Coca-Cola Foundation	The Foundation provides support through grants, sponsorships, and beverage products. Its community investment priority area include: empowering women (economic empowerment and entrepreneurship); protecting the environment (access to clean water, water conservation and recycling)' and enhancing communities (education, youth development and other community and civic initiatives). It also supports many local community programs such as arts and culture, community and economic development programs. Applications are accepted year-round. Applicants must use the online application form available at the website.	Varies	Preferred	http://www.coca-colacompany.com/our-company/the-coca-cola- foundation
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	Multiple programs to promote literacy for adults, children and families through outreach to schools and libraries. Downtown and other organizations could partner with these entities to promote literacy in their communities. Deadlines vary; check website for announcements.	Varies	N/A	http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs aspx
Duke Energy Foundation	The Duke Energy Foundation offers grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and governmental entities serving communities that are within Duke Energy's service area. The Foundation's giving priority areas include: K-12 Education, Workforce, Nature, State Strategic Impact, Local Impact, and Community Initiatives.	Varies	Not specified	https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energy- foundation
Duke Energy Foundation Water Resources Fund	of Duke Energy operational facilities in Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia. The fund includes a \$1.5 million designation for projects in the Dan River Basin Region that benefit waterways or help develop the economic and community vitality of the region. Programs supported by the fund are science-based and research-supported and provide direct benefit to at least one of the following focus areas: (1) improving water quality, quantity and conservation; (2) enhancing fish and wildlife management habitats; (3) expanding public use and access to waterways; and/or (4) increasing citizens' awareness about their roles in protecting water resources. Qualified nonprofit and local government partners with relevant programs may apply to the fund. Priority will be given to programs and projects in Duke Energy service areas and regions where Duke Energy has facilities. Investment decisions are made by the Water Resources Fund committee and managed by the North Carolina Community Foundation.		is given to grants that leverage other funds or in-kind resources.	https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energy- foundation/water-resources-fund
EB5 Immigrant Investor Prograr (US Citizenship & Immigration Services)	n Created by Congress in 1990 to stimulate the U.S. economy through job creation and capital investment by foreign investors. Under a pilot immigration program first enacted in 1992 and regularly reauthorized since, investments can be made directly in a job-generating commercial enterprise and certain EB-5 visas also are set aside for investors in Regional Centers (4 in NC) designated by US Citizenship & Immigration Services based on proposals for promoting economic growth. Must create at least ten (10) full time jobs for US workers. There are two ways to invest within the EB-5 category: creating a new commercial enterprise or investing in a troubled business. To qualify, one must invest or be in the process of investing at least \$1,000,000. If the investment is in a designated Targeted Employment Area (TEA), the minimum investment requirement is \$500,000.	N/A	N/A	https://www.nccommerce.com/documents/eb-5-program-documents-north-carolinas-targeted-employment-areas-tea
ElectriCities Downtown Revitalization Grants	Downtown Revitalization Grants are available to ElectriCities Power Agency members in North Carolina. Grant funds may be for purposes that advance the downtown revitalization goals of the member community and have the approval of the city/town manager. Examples of grant funding priorities include downtown redevelopment studies/action plans, streetscape plans, building reuse studies, and attraction or retention programs. Other purposes will be considered at the time of grant review. Member communities that receive an ElectriCities Downtown Revitalization Grant in any calendar year are not eligible for an ElectriCities Smart Communities Grant; however such members would be eligible for Smart Communities Grants in years two and three following receipt of Downtown Revitalization Grants. Two grants are be available per grant cycle and there are two grant cycles a year (four grants total).	\$10,000		https://www.electricities.com/services/economic- development/smart-sites/downtown-revitalization-grant- application/

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ElectriCities Public Power Promotional Program (P4)	ElectriCities P4 provides funds to Electricities Power Agency members to promote their utilities and communities. The amount received depends on the number of customers served by the power agency.	\$1,500 to \$2,500 depending on size of customer base.	No	http://www.electricities.com/Default/Communications/PublicPowerPromotionalProgram.aspx	
ElectriCities Smart Communities Grant Program	Created as an economic development assistance tool by ElectiCities to help its Power Agency members in North Carolina attract and retain commercial and industrial customers. Applicants are eligible to receive a \$5,000 matching grant to be used toward specific economic development projects. They will be awarded based on the strength of the overall project and impact to the community. Applications are accepted throughout the year and reviewed every	\$5,000 matching grant	Match of local funding or other grant resources required.	https://www.electricities.com/services/economic-development/smart-communities-grant-application/	
ElectriCities Smart Sites® Economic Development Site Qualification Program	ElectriCities established the Smart Sites® program to help its member communities prepare shovel-ready sites for economic development. Each year it awards five projects with up to \$25,000 each to supplement the site qualification process. Potential sites must meet specific requirements (e.g. 25-acre minimum) and undergo an extensive review process by site selection experts. ElectriCities then markets Smart Sites® at tradeshows and industry events.	Up to \$25,000	Not specified	https://www.electricities.com/services/economic-development/smart-sites/	
Farm Aid	Open only to qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that work to enhance the viability of family farm agriculture in the United States. Farm Aid's Growing the Good Food Movement funding area supports organizations that are creating innovative programs that build local and regional food systems and connect family farmers directly to consumers. Potential applicants submit a letter of inquiry and may be invited to submit complete proposal.	Generally \$5,000 to \$10,000	Not specified	https://www.farmaid.org/our-work/grant-guidelines/	
Fiskars® Project Orange Thumb® Garden Grants	Provides community groups with tools and resources to reach their goals for collaboration, neighborhood beautification, and healthy, sustainable food sources. Non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. The application period typically opens in the later part of a year and grant recipients are typically announced in the spring of the following year.	Up to \$3,500 in cash/gift cards and Fiskars® garden tools.	No	http://www2.fiskars.com/Activities/Project-Orange-Thumb	
Foundation Center / Grantspace	Foundation Center is a national nonprofit service organization recognized as the nation's leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide. Through data, analysis, and training, it connects nonprofits to the grant makers, resources, and information they need to succeed. Foundation Center maintains the most comprehensive database on U.S. and, increasingly, global grant makers and their grants. It also operates research, education, and training programs designed to advance knowledge of philanthropy at every level. Grantspace, a Foundation Center service, is a learning community for nonprofits that offers training, information and resources to help them become more viable grant applicants and build strong, sustainable organizations. While there are fees involved with some of its programs and products, it also offers a number of free online tutorials.	Technical assistance	N/A	https://foundationcenter.org/ and https://grantspace.org/about/	
Fundation	Fundation partners with banks and other institutions to provide working capital and growth capital to the small business community. It makes loans for working capital, business expansion, debt refinancing, equipment purchases, inventory purchases and capital improvements. Collateral is not required. Interest rates depend on Fundation's assessment of	Loans	N/A	www.fundation.com	
Golden LEAF Small Business Assistance Fund Loan (through Self-Help)	The Golden LEAF Small Business Assistance Fund, available through Self-Help, is intended to create jobs by helping businesses expand. It provides loans to help small businesses in economically-distressed, rural, and tobacco-dependent counties in North Carolina. Businesses in any sector that creates high quality jobs will be considered; however, priority is given to health care, construction, green industries, agriculture, and manufacturing.	Loans	N/A	https://www.self-help.org/business/loans/all-business- loans/specialty-loan-funds	

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Golden LEAF Foundation	distressed, rural, and tobacco-dependent counties in North Carolina. Its priority areas have most recently been Agriculture, Economic Development, Workforce Preparedness, Healthcare, Education, and Community Vitality. Governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible. Potential applicants must first submit an online letter of inquiry and those with competitive proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal. Golden LEAF Foundation encourages potential applicants to contact Foundation staff prior to submitting a letter of	Golden LEAF estimates grants to be \$200,000 or less.	None noted but must involve community partners.	http://www.goldenleaf.org/opengrants.html		
Grants.gov	Provides a centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities.	N/A	N/A	http:www.grants.gov		
Home Depot Community Impact Grants	Grants are available to 501(c) designated nonprofit organizations, public schools, or tax- exempt public service agencies that are using the power of volunteers to improve the community. Grants are given in the form of Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools,	Up to \$5,000 (in gift cards)	None specified	https://corporate.homedepot.com/grants/community-impact- grants		
Independent We Stand - America's Main Streets Contest	The America's Main Streets Contest helps promote the importance and strong economic benefits of Main Streets and the small businesses that help them thrive. Fans can nominate and vote for their local Main Street organization to give their community a chance at the grand prize. Organizations that qualify for the contest include Downtown Improvement Districts, Business Improvement Districts, Independent Business Districts, Independent Business Associations, Local First groups and formal Main Street organizations. The nomination process typically runs from late-February through mid-April.	Prize package that includes \$25,000 cash and related prizes to help with revitalization.	None specified	https://www.mainstreetcontest.com/		
Institute of Library and Museum	Federal program that offers a variety of grant opportunities for libraries and museums.	Varies	Varies	https://www.imls.gov/grants/apply-grant/notices-funding-		
Services (ILMS) Kabbage	Provides loans (lines of credit) to small businesses that have operated for at least 1 year and that meet certain revenue requirements.	Lines of credit up to \$250,000, depending on qualifications.	N/A	opportunities www.kabbage.com		
KaBOOM!	KaBOOM! is a national non-profit that brings people together to create great, safe places to play for all kids, especially those living in poverty. Offers several grant programs for buildings and improving playgrounds and other play spaces. See website for current offerings.	Varies	Varies	http://www.kaboom.org/grants		
Keep America Beautiful® Kresge Foundation	The mission of Keep America Beautiful® is: "To inspire and educate people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment." It currently offers two community grant programs. The Cigarette Litter Prevention program includes funding to help reduce such litter in waterways and oceans by providing both permanent and portable ash receptacles in communities where there is a lake, river, beach, or other waterway. The Community Restoration and Resiliency Fund aids Keep America Beautiful Affiliates that serve communities directly affected by natural and environmental disasters by providing immediate and long-term support for initial and ongoing cleanup efforts and helps rebuild vital public spaces: parks, greenways, community gateways, Main Street/downtown areas, open spaces and more. The Fund has a rolling deadline. Funds for other initiatives may be available through local Keep The Kresge Foundation is a private, national foundation headquartered in Detroit that works to expand opportunities in America's cities through grantmaking and investing in arts and culture, education, environment, health, human services and community development. Grant	Varies Varies by funding opportunity	Not stated Varies by funding opportunity	https://www.kab.org/resources/community-grants https://kresge.org		
	opportunities are offered throughout the year and deadlines vary. Check website for more					
Lendio	Helps small businesses quickly explore loan options from 75+ potential lenders with a single, online application. Lendido also helps businesses understand the options and choose a loan.	Loans	N/A	www.lendio.com		

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Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC)	A federal program administered by the NC Housing Finance Agency, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LHITC) was authorized by Congress in 1986 to encourage the construction and rehabilitation of quality rental housing that is affordable for low-income families and elderly persons. Owners of LIHTC properties agree to maintain the units as affordable housing for 15 to 30 years, in return for federal tax credits that offset part of the cost	Tax credits for qualified property owners.	N/A	https://www.nchfa.com/rental-housing-partners/rental-developers/rental-development-financing-options/low-income-housing-tax-credits
Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation	The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation's mission is to help people and places to move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice. It supports collaborative, multi-strategy, place-based work focused on democracy and civic engagement, economic opportunity, and supportive policies and institutions. Applicants submit an organization summary and then await approval to proceed with a proposal submission.	Varies depending on proposal.	Generally only funds up to 30% of a project or organizational budget.	http://www.mrbf.org
National Association of Realtors Smart Growth Action Grants	MUST partner with a local or regional REALTOR® association. To increase the effectiveness of state and local REALTOR® association efforts in creating livable communities, the Smart Growth Action Grant program is available to support REALTOR® association efforts to implement programs and activities that position REALTORS® as leaders in improving their communities by advancing smart growth principles. The grants are offered at two levels. Level 1 grants are designed to provide basic education on smart growth to REALTORS® and, if appropriate, to partners and public officials. Level 2 grants are designed to help associations develop a project or approach to address local land use policy issues, including developing	Level 1 - up to \$1,500; Level 2, up to \$5,000	Level 1 grants - matching funds as needed to meet all additional costs either by admission fee or association contribution; Level 2 grants - 10% financial match of the amount requested.	http://www.realtoractioncenter.com/for-associations/smartgrowth/smart-growth-action-grants.html
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent federal agency that funds and promotes artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. Multiple funding opportunities available.	Varies by grant	Varies by grant	http://www.arts.gov
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)	Independent federal agency. Offers grants for implementation projects involving museums, libraries and cultural institutions.	Varies by grant	Varies by grant	www.neh.gov/grants
National Trust Community Investment Corporation (NTCIC) Irvin Henderson Main Street Revitalization Fund	Provides low cost tax credit financing, through a combination of Historic Tax Credits (HTC) and New Market Tax Credits (NMTC), to support transformational historic rehabilitation projects in economically distressed Main Street communities. Six eligibility factors must be met for projects to qualify, including, location (low-income community), size (in terms of the cost of the project), readiness, impact, tax credits, and structure. Previously known as the HNTCIC HTC/NMTC Main Street Small Deal Fund.	Below market tax credit financing (up to \$2 million per project)	N/A	https://ntcic.com/invest/mainstreetfund/
National Trust for Historic Preservation® - Preservation Funds	Intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. Funding available to public agencies and nonprofits for planning activities and education/outreach efforts focused on preservation. See website for details on project eligibility. Deadlines Feb 1, June 1, and Oct 1. Very competitive. Contact regional office before applying. National Trust membership requirement - see guidelines.		1 to 1 cash match	http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant- seekers/preservation-funds
National Trust for Historic Preservation® - Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors	Mitchell funds are used to assist in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Funding available to public agencies and nonprofits. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project involves a National Historic Landmark. See website for details on project eligibility. Applications are accepted once a year. Very competitive. National Trust membership requirement - see guidelines.	\$2,500 - \$15,000	1 to 1 cash match	http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant- seekers/specialprograms/cynthia-woods-mitchell-fund

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National Trust for Historic Preservation® - Hart Family Fund for Small Towns	Intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in towns with populations of 10,000 or less. These grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for particular projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. See website for details on project eligibility. Very competitive. National Trust membership requirement-see	\$2,500 - \$15,000	1 to 1 cash match	http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant- seekers/specialprograms/hart-family-fund	
National Trust for Historic Preservation® - Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation	To provide grant support to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, for-profit businesses, and individuals for the purpose of saving historic environments in order to foster appreciation for our nation's diverse cultural heritage and to preserve and revitalize the livability of the nation's communities. Funds may be used for planning activities and education efforts focused on preservation. See website for details on project eligibility. Very competitive. National Trust membership requirement - see guidelines.	\$2,500 - \$15,000	1 to 1 cash match	http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/favrot-fund	
Natural Capital Investment Fund (NCIFund)	NCIFund is a U.S. Treasury certified Community Development Financial Institution affiliated with The Conservation Fund. It lends and provides business advisory services to small businesses, agricultural enterprises, and community organizations located in underserved rural and urban communities in central Appalachia and the Southeast (including all NC counties) that have a positive impact on the natural environment or provide basic human needs. It specializes in "triple-bottom-line enterprises" that address the economy, equity, and ecology. Examples of sectors of particular interest include: small town main street redevelopment; local and value-added agriculture; ecotourism and heritage tourism; and vital community services (such as healthcare and affordable housing).		N/A	http://www.ncifund.org/	
NC Arts Council	Offers a variety of grants in support of local arts development, including public art. Eligible organizations are nonprofits that have been producing quality arts programs for at least two consecutive years and that have prior-year organizational cash operating expenses of at least \$20,000.	Minimum grant award is \$5,000 unless otherwise noted in the guidelines. The range of grant amounts varies based on grant category.	1 to 1 cash match. However, applicants in/serving counties designated as Tier 1 by the NC Department of Commerce are not required to provide the match in certain grant categories and may request 75 100% funding of project costs. Such applicants must make a strong case for financial need.		
NC Broadband Infrastructure Office Technical Assistance Program	NC Broadband's Technical Assistance Program provides communities with an on-the-ground technical support team and needed broadband expertise. The Technical Assistance Team partners with willing communities to develop local objectives and plans in order to: understand broadband availability; locate unserved and underserved businesses and residents; identify assets relevant to broadband deployment; build partnerships with broadband service providers and identify opportunities to leverage assets, reduce barriers, and help make the business case. This service is provided through state and federal funding at no cost to communities.	Technical assistance	N/A	https://ncbroadband.gov/	
NC Department of Commerce, Rural Development Division, CDBG Economic Development Grants	Provides grants to local governments for creating and retaining jobs. Funding for projects is based on the number of jobs to be created and the level of distress in the community applying for the funds. Sixty percent of the jobs created or retained in a project must be for persons qualifying as prior low and moderate income (LMI). CDBG funds are granted to local governments for various types of infrastructure improvements to assist for profit businesses create or retain jobs. A local funding match of at least 25% of the determined need is required, except in the 25 most distressed counties.	Not stated	At least \$1 for every \$3 provided by CDBG ED, except that no local match is required in the 25 most economically distressed counties.	https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/public-infrastructure-funds/infrastructure-federal-cdbg-economic-development	

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The cash match Division, Building Reuse location, and/or renovate, expand or construct health care facilities that will lead to the creation of new, full-time jobs in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties and in rural census tracts of Tier 3 counties. job. The maximum grant award is \$500,000 or shall come from local Program one-half of the project cost, whichever is less. Tier designations and information about rural census tracts can be found on the NC resources and may not be Department of Commerce's website. In Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties, priority will be given to towns derived from other State or or communities with populations less than 5,000. Please note that guidelines are subject to federal grant funds. In addition change. Pre-application conference call required. Contact program manager for the most to the 5% match described current information. above, the building reuse program requires a dollar for dollar match up to the total grant amount. NC Department of Commerce, Provides grants to eligible local governments to assist with infrastructure projects that will lead Applicants in Tier 1 or Tier 2 counties are The local government must https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/publicto the creation of new, full-time jobs. Grants are available to upgrade or repair water and eligible for \$10,000 per newly created full-time contribute at least 5% of the infrastructure-funds/infrastructure-state-rural-grants Rural Economic Development job. Other applicants are eligible for \$5,000 per wastewater treatment plants, upgrade, repair or extend public water or sewer lines, or to assist cash match. The cash match Division. Economic Infrastructure Grants with improvements to other publicly-owned infrastructure, including, but not limited to, natural newly created full-time job. The maximum grant shall come from local gas, broadband, access roads, and rail spurs. Pre-application conference call required. Contact award is \$500,000. resources and may not be program manager for the most current information. derived from other State or federal grant funds. In addition to the 5% match described above, the building reuse program requires a dollar for dollar match up to the total NC Department of Environmental Program provides matching grants to local governments in 20 coastal area counties for low-Yes. Amount varies depending https://deg.nc.gov/about/divisions/coastal-management/coastal-There is no limit on the amount to be requested cost projects designed to improve pedestrian access to the state's beaches. May be used to but due to limited funding available for the on project type and county's management-beach-waterfront-access-program Quality, Division of Coastal program, applicants need to be mindful that NC Commerce Tier Management, Public Beach and construct low-cost access facilities, including parking areas, restrooms, dune crossovers, and piers and related facilities, as well for as land acquisition or revitalization of urban waterfronts. larger requests may be difficult to designation. At least half of the Coastal Waterfront Access accommodate. local contribution must be cash Program match; the remainder may be in-kind. NC Department of Environmental The program provides financial assistance to private and commercial marinas, gas/service Up to \$15,000 25% from either the marina https://deg.nc.gov/about/divisions/coastal-management/coastalowner or at public facilities, the management-recognition/pumpout-program Quality, Division of Coastal docks, fish houses/seafood dealers and other boat-docking facilities for the installation and renovation of pumpout and dump stations in the 20 coastal counties of NC. local government. Management, North Carolina **Pumpout Program** NC Department of Environmental Helps organizations and businesses improve efficiencies and cut costs while improving Free technical assistance N/A https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/environmental-assistanceenvironmental performance by offering free, non-regulatory, technical assistance and Quality. Division of customer-service/deacs-energy-water-waste-reduction assessments for solid waste reduction, water usage efficiency, and energy efficiency. Environmental Assistance and **Customer Service** NC Department of Environmental Helps government agencies, communities, schools, and others learn how to improve recycling Technical assistance, support, and links to other N/A https://deg.nc.gov/conservation/recycling efforts. Also assists recycling businesses and supports the sharing of information about information and resources. Quality, Division of **Environmental Assistance and** markets for materials and products to help divert recoverable materials from disposal while providing feedstocks and supplies to potential users. **Customer Service - Recycling**

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Grant cycle Customer Service - Recycling corresponds with local government budget cycles. **Community Waste Reduction** and Recycling Grants The BIG Program is a federal grant program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Two tiers, state (up to \$200,000) and national NC Department of Environmental Yes (cost share) http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/what-big-program Service, that provides funding to states for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of Quality, Division of Marine (greater than \$200,000). Fisheries - Boating boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels at least 26 feet long that are operated, leased, rented, or chartered primarily for pleasure. Boating infrastructure means the Infrastructure Grant (BIG) structures, equipment, accessories, and services that are necessary or desirable for a facility to Program accommodate eligible vessels. Transient vessels are those passing through or by a place, staying up to 15 days. Projects completed using BIG funds must provide public access, but may be publicly or privately owned. The NC Division of Marine Fisheries is the lead agency for BIG in North Carolina. Both publicly owned and privately-owned marina facilities in NC that are lopen to the public are eligible to apply for funding, including private marinas, local municipalities, other State agencies or other non-governmental entities. NC Department of The Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative is an annual matching grant program Varies - NCDOT planning funds provided on a Yes - required local cash https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/bike-ped and Transportation (NCDOT), intended to encourage municipalities of all sizes and counties with populations under 50,000 to sliding scale, based on population of match varies depending on https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/PlanningGrants/Pages/P develop comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plans. Such plans largely focus on enhancing community/county. size of community/county. anning-Grant-Initiative.aspx Division of Bicycle and mobility, improving safety and promoting economic and health benefits. Plans are developed Neither in-kind services nor Pedestrian Transportation -Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning by consultants that are prequalified by NCDOT. other state or federal funds from NCDOT can **Grant Initiative** NC Department of Environmental The North Carolina Brownfields Program, authorized by the state statute known as the http://www.ncbrownfields.org Tax incentive Brownfields Property Reuse Act. provides a mechanism to treat prospective developers of Quality, Division of Waste brownfield sites differently than the parties responsible for contaminating them. Prospective Management, North Carolina Brownfields Program (Tax developers negotiate a brownfields agreement with the program that defines activities needed to make the site suitable for reuse, rather than cleaning up the site to regulatory standards Incentive) (which responsible parties are required to do). The state program has no upfront funds available to private prospective developers; however the brownfields agreement entitles a developer to a property tax exclusion on the improvements made to the property for a 5-year NC IDEA Provides grants and programs to entrepreneurs and organizations in NC that are helping NC IDEA Micro - \$1,000 - \$10,000: NC IDEA Not stated https://ncidea.org entrepreneurs succeed. NC IDEA Micro makes small, project-based, grants to help young SEED - \$50,000 companies validate and advance ideas for new products and business models. NC IDEA SEED grants provide early stage companies with a proven (even if not yet profitable) concept the critical funding to help them scale faster. Both grant programs provide grantees with mentorship, guidance and other support. Eligibility criteria and a schedule of information sessions and application deadlines is available online. NC Forest Service Urban & Provides matching funds for projects which lead to more effective and efficient management of \$2,500 - \$15,000 to reimburse up to 50% of Yes, 1 to 1, cash (non-federal http://ncforestservice.gov/Urban/urban grant overview.htm **Community Forestry Grants** urban and community forests, and improve public understanding of the benefits of preserving project costs (some exclusions apply). funds) or in-kind existing tree cover in communities. For example, funds may be used to facilitate strategic planting and maintenance of community trees for public benefit. Grants are awarded on an annual basis through the USDA Forest Service and are administered by the NC Forest Service, Urban & Community Forestry Program. Grant funds may be awarded to any unit of local or state government, public educational institutions, approved non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and other tax-exempt organizations.

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NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	Provides dollar-for-dollar matching grants to local governments for parks and recreational projects to serve the public. Recipients use the grants to acquire land and/or to develop parks and recreational projects that serve the general public.	Up to \$500,000	1 to 1 match	https://www.ncparks.gov/more-about-us/parks-recreation-trust-fund/parks-and-recreation-trust-fund
NC Recreational Trails Fund	To support a variety of trails development activities in two categories: (1) Trail Projects (including land acquisition, trail construction, trail maintenance, etc.) and (2) Safety and Education. Check agency website for eligibility criteria and award cycles.	\$10,000 minimum to \$100,000 maximum	Yes (25%)	https://trails.nc.gov/trail-grants
NC Rural Center	The Rural Center is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of rural North Carolinians through the development, promotion and implementation of sound economic strategies. It trains rural leaders from all walks of life to recognize and embrace economic opportunities. It also helps rural entrepreneurs of all ages start their own businesses, and provides access to capital so established businesses can grow and create new jobs. The Rural Center also conducts engagement, advocacy, and research work.	See below for some specific Rural Center programs.	N/A	http://www.ncruralcenter.org/
NC Rural Center Capital Access Program (CAP)	The Capital Access Program (CAP) encourages banks and other lenders to consider business loans that fall just outside their traditional underwriting standards. The program is available through partner lenders in all 100 North Carolina counties. Any qualifying loan to a business with fewer than 500 employees can be enrolled in the CAP program. Under the CAP program, the borrower and the lender contribute a total of between 2% and 7% of the loan amount, and the Rural Center matches this amount dollar-for-dollar. Loans may be used to finance most business purposes, including real estate, construction, equipment and working capital. Contact the NC Rural Center for more information and a list of participating lenders.	Enrolled loans tend to be smaller than \$100,000 and are often lines of credit.	N/A	http://www.ncruralcenter.org/lending/capital-access-program/
NC Rural Center Loan Participation Program (LPP)	The LPP is a small-business lending program that works with local lenders in all 100 North Carolina counties to make more loans in their communities and region. The program helps reduce the risk-exposure of partner lenders, so more businesses have access to capital that might otherwise be out of reach. The Rural Center purchases up to 15% of a term loan made to a small business, defined as a business with 500 or fewer employees. The maximum participation is \$250,000 and the loan terms are market-based, negotiated between the local lender and the small-business borrower.	Support to small business lenders	N/A	https://www.ncruralcenter.org/lending/loan-participation-progran
NC Rural Center Thread Capital	A subsidiary non-profit of the NC Rural Center serving all 100 NC counties, Thread Capital provides small business owners and entrepreneurs with access to capital to start or expand their businesses. It also provides them with coaching and business planning services, as well as a support network.	Small business loans from \$500 up to \$50,000 and access to loans up to \$5 million through a network of statewide lending partners.	N/A	https://www.threadcap.org/
NC State Historic Preservation Office - Certified Local Government Program	The Certified Local Government (CLG) program was established through a partnership between the State of North Carolina and the federal government to certify that local governments are eligible to participate in the national framework of historic preservation programs. Designated CLGs have an active and legally adequate historic preservation commission that meets federal requirements for certification. After one year of functioning satisfactorily as a CLG, a local government is eligible to compete for a portion of the funds that the state receives from the federal government to be used as a matching grant for eligible survey, planning, pre-development or development activities. Grant applications are due	Varies	Yes, 50%.	http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/clg.htm
NC State Historic Preservation Office - Technical Assistance fo Restoration & Rehabilitation & Historic Buildings Maintenance	All owners of historic buildings in North Carolina, including private individuals and	Technical Assistance	N/A	http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/

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NC Urban Forest Council Legacy Tree Fund Grant	The purpose of the NCUFC Legacy Tree Fund is to provide financial assistance to communities across North Carolina for tree planting projects that help educate citizens about the importance of trees and the role they play in improving air and water quality, reducing energy costs, increasing real estate values, providing wildlife habitat, and creating opportunities for residents to relax and enjoy nature. Local governments, non-profit community groups, or public schools can apply. Annual, usually announced in late winter with a spring deadline.		1 to 1 cash or in-kind match	https://www.ncufc.org/legacy-tree-fund.php
Norfolk Southern Foundation - Local Discretion Grant Program	The Local Discretion Grant Program is a dedicated small contributions program to promote community goodwill, diversity, and safety awareness at the local level in each of Norfolk Southern's 9 operating divisions. The program enables Norfolk Southern to enhance relationships with the communities in which its employees work and live and allows local railroad facilities and employees to share in corporate citizenship. Local Discretion giving enables division representatives to personalize corporate contributions. Local governments and 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible. Discretionary; depends on Foundation's annual	\$1,000 - \$3,000	Not stated	Qualifying organizations interested in obtaining Local Discretion Grant funding should make contact with those local Norfolk Southern employees with whom they have professional affilications or connections.
North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund	Makes grants to local governments, state agencies and nonprofit corporations whose primary purpose is the conservation, preservation, and restoration of North Carolina's natural and cultural resources to protect land for natural, historical and cultural benefit, limit encroachment on military installations, restore degraded streams, and develop and improve stormwater treatment technology. Annual, competitive grant cycle.	Varies	Yes	http://www.cwmtf.net/
North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) Community Grantmaking Program	Supports the work of charitable organizations serving communities within NCCF's statewide network of affiliate foundations (map of affiliates available on website). Grant decisions are made by the affiliate's board members. Funds a broad range of purposes to meet local needs, including arts, historic preservation, health, recreation, and the environment, among others. Organizations that serve the counties within NCCF's affiliate network and that either operate as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities or are classified as units of local government are eligible	Amounts vary by program, affiliate foundation, etc.	Not stated	https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/apply/grants/community-grantmaking
North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives	Provide a wide array of support for businesses seeking to start, expand, or relocate to areas served by electric cooperatives in North Carolina. Support includes: assistance with site and building identification; energy audit services; assistance with market research; flexibility in rate design; power quality services; loan and grant assistance; and demographic analysis. Also channel funds from the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program to rural North Carolina in the form of zero-interest loans that can be used to assist with various improvements including fire and rescue, police protection, public buildings and community facilities, and other economic development projects.	Technical assistance and loans	N/A	http://www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/development/default.htm
North Carolina Small Business Center Network (SBCN)	The objective of the SBCN is to increase the success rate and the number of viable small businesses in North Carolina by providing high quality, readily accessible assistance to prospective and existing small business owners which will lead to job creation and retention. The SBCN, comprised of 58 Small Business Centers located at community colleges throughout the state, supports the development of new businesses and the growth of existing businesses by being a community-based provider of education and training, counseling, referral and	Technical assistance	N/A	https://www.ncsbc.net/
North Carolina Small Business Technology and Development Center (SBTDC)	The SBTDC is a business advisory resource for growing and developing businesses. It provides management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses. Most of its services are free of charge, and all are confidential. Highly skilled professionals provide services statewide from offices hosted by campuses of The University of North Carolina System. The SBTDC operates in formal partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Defense Logistics Agency and others.	Technical assistance	N/A	http://www.sbtdc.org/

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OnDeck	Online lender to small businesses that offers short and longer-term loans and lines of credit with flexible terms and rates based on the performance of a business; not just on personal credit history.	Term loans up to \$500,000; lines of credit up to \$100,000.	N/A	https://online.ondeck.com/
PayPal	accounts to process payments to qualify. Applicants for working capital loans must have had a	Business loans from \$5,000 to \$500,000; working capital loan amounts depend on PayPal sales history - maximum of 35% of annual PayPal sales, but no more than \$125,000 for a first loan.	N/A	https://www.Paypal.com
PeopleForBikes	Fundable projects and programs include bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges, as well as mountain bike trails, bike parks, BMX facilities, end-of-trip facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, bike repair stations and bike storage, and larger-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives (e.g. campaigns to increase bicycle infrastructure investment or programs to transform city streets). PeopleForBikes accepts grant applications from non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development, from city or county agencies or departments, and from state or federal agencies working locally.	Up to \$10,000	None specifically required but prefer that applicants demonstrate the ability to leverage other funds/ partnerships. Will not consider grant requests in which its funding would amount to 50%	http://www.peopleforbikes.org/our-work/community-grants/
PNC Foundation Grants (PNC Bank)	The PNC Foundation supports a variety of tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations with a special emphasis on those that work to achieve sustainability and touch a diverse population, in particular, those that support early childhood education and/or economic development in PNC banking communities. It supports economic development organizations which enhance the quality of life through neighborhood revitalization, cultural enrichment, and human services, with priority given to initiatives that strategically promote the growth of low-and moderate-income communities and/or provide services to these communities. Check the website for the list of counties in NC served by PNC and the appropriate contact person.	Not stated	Not stated	https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate- responsibility/philanthropy/pnc-foundation.html?lnksrc=topn
Powell Bill Funds	State Street-Aid (Powell Bill) allocations are disbursed twice annually to incorporated municipalities which establish their eligibility and qualify as provided by NC G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Powell Bill funds shall be expended primarily for the purposes of resurfacing streets within the corporate limits of the municipality but may also used for maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing or widening of any street or public thoroughfare within the municipal limits or for planning, construction, and maintenance of bikeways, greenways or	Allocation of State Street-Aid funds is based upon a formula that uses population and local street mileage.	No	https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Street-Aid/Pages/default.aspx
Preserve America Communities	Designates and recognizes communities, including municipalities, counties, neighborhoods in large cities, and tribal communities, that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. Benefits of designation include: White House recognition; eligibility to apply for Preserve America Grants (when funds are available); a certificate of recognition; a Preserve America Community road sign; authorization to use the Preserve America logo on signs, flags, banners, and promotional materials; listing in a Web-based Preserve America Community directory; inclusion in national and regional press releases; official notification of designation to state tourism offices and visitors bureaus; and enhanced community visibility and pride. Preserve America Communities are also featured in National Register Travel Itineraries and in "Teaching with Historic Places" curricular material created by the National Park Service. There are quarterly deadlines to apply for designation annually on March 1, June 1, September 1, and	Recognition program - no associated funding.	N/A	http://www.preserveamerica.gov/communities.html

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Rural Advancement Foundation International - USA (RAFI-USA) Agricultural Reinvestment Fund	RAFI-USA's Agricultural Reinvestment Fund grant program, funded by the NC Tobacco Trust Fund Commission, assists entrepreneurial and innovative farmers and collaborative groups in 20 NC counties in developing new sources of agricultural income. RAFI-USA initiated the grant program in 1997, originally known as the Tobacco Communities Reinvestment Fund, to help beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers in historically tobacco-dependent communities transition their farms to become more economically viable. Today, the grant program is dedicated to helping all types of farmers transform and strengthen their farms, enhancing their sustainability and financial viability. In turn, grant recipients are able to demonstrate new ideas and innovative models for farm profitability to other farmers in their communities. Farmers/collaborative farmer projects in 20 NC counties are eligible. See website for more	Up to \$9,000 to individual farmers and up to \$11,000 for collaborative farmer projects located in North Carolina.	At least a 10% cost-share contribution. Applicants can include time contributed in-kind to the project as a part of the cost-share contribution to the total project budget.	https://rafiusa.org/grants/
Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidGardening - Gro More Good Grassroots Grants	Provide funding for the development of new and expansion of existing <u>youth focused</u> gardens and greenspaces to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. Open to nonprofit and tax exempt organizations (including schools). Recipients are selected based on their commitment to the maintenance and sustainability of their garden program including plans for growth and future fiscal stability.	\$500 or \$1,000 per grant	Not stated	https://kidsgardening.org/2019-gromore-grassroots-grant/
Self-Help	Self-Help's mission is creating and protecting ownership and economic opportunity for all. The nonprofit Center for Community Self-Help and its financing affiliates (Self-Help Credit Union, Self-Help Federal Credit Union, and Self-Help Ventures Fund) provide responsible financial services, promote home ownership to help families build financial security, lend to small businesses and nonprofits, develop commercial real estate projects that invigorate downtown areas and neighborhoods, and promote fair financial practices. While its work benefits communities of all kinds, it focuses on those who may be underserved by conventional lenders, including people of color, women, rural residents and low-wealth families and communities.	Loans - amounts vary	N/A	https://www.self-help.org/
Slow Money NC	Slow Money NC's goal is to support financing a resilient economy that feeds its citizens healthy, safe, agriculturally sustainable, locally grown foods. It functions as a membership organization and is part of the national SlowMoney network. It matches members willing to lend with farmers and/or local food businesses seeking loans. From its 2017 Annual Report: "Slow Money NC Catalyzes the flow of affordable capital to sustainable small food enterprises, connecting investors to their local food system to 'bring our money back down to earth."	Loans - amounts vary	N/A	http://slowmoneync.org/
Small Business and Innovative Research (SBIR) Program	The SBIR program, coordinated by the U.S. Small Business Administration, encourages qualified small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development that has the potential for private sector commercialization. Through a three-phase program, two of which include grant funding, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. Eleven Federal agencies currently participate and each does its own solicitation and acceptance of proposals.	Grant awards vary in amount and duration by agency.	Not specified	http://www.sbir.gov
Southeast Sustainable Communities Fund (SSCF)	The purpose of the SSCF is to accelerate the adoption of sustainable best practices in Southeast communities by funding projects that implement local sustainability solutions, while leveraging the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN) to help others learn from grantee experiences and sharing success stories in the Southeast. A partnership between The Kendeda Fund and the SSDN, the SSCF provides grants for projects that will support sustainable and equitable communities working to: mitigate and/or adapt to climate change through sustainable energy and/or water initiatives; foster equity and inclusiveness; leverage community partnerships; strengthen local government commitment; demonstrate scalable solutions; and demonstrate innovation. Open to any community in the Southeast (whether SSDN members or not). A city or county government must serve as the lead applicant and projects must be led by the unit of government's Equity Director, or Sustainability Director, or someone who performs a cross-departmental equity or sustainability function.	For 2019, SSCF anticipated issuing five to seven grants of approximately \$75,000 to \$150,000 per year for two years.	Not required, but website notes that successful applicants will demonstrate in-kind and/or cash support that enhances the project.	http://www.southeastsdn.org/grants/

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State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship [®] Company Grants	Company Grants focus on safety, community development and education to help build safer, stronger and better educated communities. Community development grants assist organizations that support affordable housing, first time homeowners, neighborhood revitalization, financial literacy, job training, and small business development. Non-profits, chambers of commerce, government agencies, educational institutions, and volunteer fire	Award amount not specified.	Not specified	https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/community-involvemen
Surdna Foundation	departments are eligible to apply. Grant cycle runs Sept 1 - Oct 31. The Surdna Foundation seeks to foster just and sustainable communities in the U.S. by making grants in the areas of inclusive economies, thriving cultures, and sustainable environments. Note: According to the Surdna Foundation's website in March 2019, it announced in September of 2018 refined strategies for its grantmaking programs, intended to reflect its belief that racial justice must underpin social justice. The website also stated that the Foundation it is not currently accepting unsolicited inquiries for inclusive economies and thriving cultures grants, noting also that very few unsolicited letters of inquiry have resulted in grants. Most of its grantmaking has been by invitation.		Not stated	http://www.surdna.org
TechSoup	TechSoup is a worldwide technology organization that provides nonprofits and libraries with free technology-related information, resources, and support. It also offers nonprofits access to donated and discounted technology products, provided by corporate and nonprofit technology	Technical assistance	N/A	http://www.TechSoup.org
The 1772 Foundation	The mission of The 1772 Foundation is to preserve and enhance American historical		Preferred	http://www.1772foundation.org
The Cannon Foundation	Healthcare, higher education, and community are the Cannon Foundation's areas of focus. The Foundation does not provide start-up funding, scholarships, grants to individuals or operating funds including salaries or overhead costs. In the Community focus area, a small number of grants are made for capital or equipment projects for organizations serving veterans, promoting the arts and providing historic or environmental preservation services in North Carolina. There are 3 grant cycles per year. Projects with other funding sources or community collaboration are	,	Preferred	https://cannonfoundation.org/cannon-foundation/
Tobacco Trust Fund	The Tobacco Trust Fund grants monies annually to programs that foster, support, encourage and facilitate a strong agricultural economy in NC. The grants place a high priority on projects that address ways to decrease unemployment, stimulate the agricultural economy in local communities, strengthen sales of local foods and assist farmers with innovative research and cost-share programs. The funding cycle typically runs from Jan-Mar each year.	Grant amounts vary.	Yes (but not specified on website).	http://www.tobaccotrustfund.org
Tourism Cares	Tourism Cares, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, encourages and facilitates corporate social responsibility in the travel and tourism industry by providing volunteers and grants to protect, restore, and conserve natural, cultural and historic tourist destinations so that communities, travelers and businesses can prosper.	Grant amounts vary.	Not specified on website.	https://www.tourismcares.org/grants
Toyota Dealer Match Program	Toyota will provide matching funds up to \$10,000 to each Toyota dealership across the country in order for them to support local community groups and causes the local dealers and their customers feel are important. Local charities work directly with their local Toyota dealer to apply for funds. Minimum donation by dealer to qualify for match is \$2,500.	,	Toyota matches dealer donation.	http://toyotadealermatch.com/

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U.S. Department of Agriculture,	LFPP grants support the development and expansion of local and regional food business	LFPP - \$25,000 to \$100,000 for planning grants	LFPP - 25%, cash or in-kind;	https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants		
Agricultural Marketing Service -	enterprises (intermediary, non-direct-to-consumer supply chain activity). Funding is available	and \$100,000 to \$500,000 for implementation	FMPP - No match required			
Local Food Promotion Program	for planning and for implementation projects. Entities that support local and regional food	grants; FMPP - \$50,000 to \$500,000				
(LFPP) and Farmers Market	business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced					
Promotion Program (FMPP)	food products may apply. The FMPP offers grant funds for developing, improving, expanding,					
. ,	and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development,					
	improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-					
	supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer					
	market opportunities (direct-to-consumer marketing efforts). Open to a variety of applicants.					
	Applications typically accepted for both programs in the spring.					
U.S. Department of Agriculture,	USDA Rural Development has grants, loans, loan guarantees, technical assistance, training,	Varies by grant/program.	Generally, but varies by	https://www.rd.usda.gov/		
Rural Development	and other programs available to rural areas for small business and entrepreneurial		grant/program.			
-	development, job training, energy conservation, and building or improving utilities, affordable					
	housing, and essential community facilities.					
U.S. Department of Commerce,	EDA works directly with distressed communities and regions to help them build the capacity for	Varies by grant/program.	Generally, but varies by	http://www.eda.gov/		
Economic Development	economic development based on local business conditions and needs, take control of their		grant/program.			
Administration (EDA)	future, and position themselves for economic prosperity and resiliency. It offers planning,					
	technical assistance, and infrastructure construction grants designed to leverage existing					
	regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that make it					
	easier for businesses to start and grow, that advance new ideas and creative approaches to					
	advance economic prosperity in distressed communities, and that help communities encourage					
	innovation and entrepreneurship in a way that works best for them.					
U.S. Department of the Interior,	The HRSP, created in FY 18, supports the rehabilitation of historic properties and fosters	In 2019, the HRSP anticipated awarding 7 to 10	Not required; however the	https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1623/historic-revitalization-subgrant-		
National Park Service, State,	economic development of rural communities. It funds physical preservation projects for historic		provision of matching funds wil			
Tribal, and Local Plans and	sites, including architectural and engineering services, through subgrants to communities	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	be considered in the			
Grants Division, Historic	determined rural by the US Bureau of the Census. Eligible properties must be listed in the		application scoring process.			
Revitalization Subgrant Program	land the state of		31			
(HRSP)	local level of significance and located within rural (non-urban) communities with populations					
(пког)	less than 50,000. Eligible grantees are nonprofits, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, State					
	Historic Preservation Offices, or Certified Local Governments) that will use the funding to make					
	subgrants to organizations in rural communities in their jurisdictions to undertake project work.					
U.S. Department of the Interior,	The mission of the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RCTA) program is to assist	Technical assistance	N/A	http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca		
National Park Service - Rivers,	community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation initiatives. RTCA staff	Toomingal appletance	147.	http://www.npo.gov/noro/programo/tou		
Trails & Conservation	provide guidance to communities so they can conserve waterways, preserve open space, and					
Assistance Program	develop trails and greenways.					
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U.S. Department of the Treasury,	The New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program) was established by Congress in 2000	Tax credits	N/A	https://www.cdfifund.gov/programs-training/Programs/new-		
Community Development	to spur new or increased investments into operating businesses and real estate projects			markets-tax-credit/Pages/default.aspx		
Financial Institutions Fund (CDF	located in low-income communities. The NMTC Program attracts investment capital to low-					
Fund) - New Markets Tax Credits	income communities by permitting individual and corporate investors to receive a tax credit					
-	against their federal income tax return in exchange for making equity investments in					
	specialized financial institutions called Community Development Entities (CDEs). The credit					
	equals 39% of the original investment amount and is claimed over a period of seven years (5%					
	for each of the first three years, and 6% for each of the remaining four years). The investment					
	in the CDE cannot be redeemed before the end of the seven-year period.					

PROGRAM	PURPOSE / DESCRIPTION	GRANTS / RESOURCES	MATCH	WEBSITE / CONTACT
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Brownfields Program	The EPA Brownfields Program provides direct funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, planning for revitalization of brownfield areas, environmental job training, technical assistance, training, and research. To facilitate the leveraging of public resources, EPA's Brownfields Program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for brownfield	Varies	Some grants have a cost- share requirement	https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant- funding#tab-1
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Recreation Economy for Rural Communities	Provides planning assistance to help communities create strategies and an action plan to revitalize a Main Street or neighborhood by developing the local outdoor recreation economy and protecting natural resources. A planning team will work with communities selected for the program over a 4 to 6-month period, with a focal point being a two-day facilitated community workshop. Any U.S. community is eligible to apply; however, special consideration will be given to those that are: (1) small towns; (2) economically disadvantaged, such as those in Opportunity Zones; and/or (3) in the Northern Border Region (a Federal-State partnership for economic and community development serving the most distressed counties of Maine, New	Technical assistance	N/A	https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities
Walmart Community Grant Program	Local Walmart stores, Sam's Clubs, and Logistics facilities award grants to eligible nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and others operating within the service area of the facility from which they are requesting funding. There are 8 areas of funding, such as Quality of Life, Community and Economic Development, and Environmental Sustainability. Applicant's goals should fall within one of these areas.	\$250 to \$5,000	None noted	http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant program
Waste Management	Waste Management provides support and services to 501(c)(3) or public organizations that promote civic pride, economic development, and revitalization. It is most likely to support programs in the areas of environment, environmental education (preferably for middle or high school students), and community enhancement. Applications are accepted year-round and are reviewed on a continuous basis. Waste Management targets its support to specific projects or programs that enhance the scope of services offered by an organization and prefers not to financially support operating costs, capital campaigns, or multi-year requests. Preference is also given to organizations with a broad base of funders, community partners, and volunteers.	Not stated	Not stated, but looks for support from other community partners	https://www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving.jsp
Wells Fargo	Wells Fargo's first priority is to support programs and organizations whose chief purpose is to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families. It looks for projects that keep communities strong, diverse, and vibrant. Its Community Development grants support programs that: create and sustain affordable housing; facilitate financial literacy and empowerment; provide job training and workforce development; and revitalize and stabilize communities. Its Civic Engagement grants support organizations that work to enhance a community's quality of life through projects involving: public policy; community beautification; civic leadership; citizen education; and cultural diversity. Other grant categories are also available. Open to 501(c)(3) organizations and qualified tribal and governmental agencies, including public school systems, serving counties shown on a list on the website.	Not stated	Not stated	https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/northcarolina-grant-guidelines/
Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation	The Z. Smith Reynolds (ZSR) Foundation's grant-making framework has three prongs, each of which provides grant opportunities: State-Level Systemic Change Strategy; Community-Based Strategy; and Exploratory, Visionary Ideas Strategy. Programs that may be relevant to downtowns, Main Street organizations, and rural communities include: Collaborative Problem-Solving; Community Progress Fund; All For NC Fellowship; Inclusive Public Art; and Non-Profit Internship Program. Applicants are encouraged to review the results sought within each relevant focus area to better understand the fit of their organization's work or project within the priorities of the ZSR Foundation. The Foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) organizations and government entities for programs and projects serving the people of North Carolina. Grant application deadlines vary across programs.	Amounts vary by grant program.	Varies by grant program.	http://www.zsr.org